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SUBJECT: TBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: STOESSEL STATEMENT AT RESTRICTED
MEETING DECEMBER 16, 1975. TBT/PNE/DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 49

1. FOLLOWING IS STOESSEL STATEMENT FOR 3:00 PM RESTRICTED
MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 1975.

BEGIN TEXT.

THE U.S. DRAFT PROTOCOL HAS, SINCE FIRST HANDED TO YOU
IN SEPTEMBER, CONTAINED GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EXAMINATION
BY THE HOST PARTY OF ALL EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY DESIGNATED
PERSONNEL; HOWEVER, WE PROPOSED SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR
EXAMINATION OF ONLY THE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD
DETERMINATION.

WE ADOPTED THIS POSITION IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXCEP-
TIONAL NATURE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN USE OF
THIS EQUIPMENT, THAT IS, ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE
EXPLOSIVE.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE DID NOT SEE -- AND STILL DO
NOT SEE -- ANY SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR SPECIAL PROCEDURES
FOR EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT OF THE SEISMIC NETWORK.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT ALL PARTIES ARE
SATISFIED THAT ALL EQUIPMENT IS DEVOID OF ABILITY TO
ACQUIRE UNWARRANTED INFORMATION, THE U.S. SIDE IS

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WILLING ALSO TO INCLUDE SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINATION OF ALL SEISMIC EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

IN DRAFTING THE TEXT OF SUCH A PROVISION WE HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

THE QUESTION IS: TO WHOM SHOULD THESE RIGHTS OF EXAMINATION BE GRANTED?

AS WE UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL CONCERN RAISED BY THE SOVIET SIDE, THE CONCERN IS THAT SEISMIC AND OTHER EQUIPMENT MIGHT INCLUDE SOME ABILITY TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION NOT AGREED UPON FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. HOWEVER, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THESE CONCERNS RELATE TO INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT EXPLOSIVES.

SINCE INFORMATION ABOUT EXPLOSIVES IS NOT INVOLVED IN THESE POTENTIAL CONCERNS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT ASSURING ITSELF THAT NO UNWARRANTED INFORMATION CAN BE ACQUIRED IS A RIGHT THAT SHOULD BE ENJOYED BY THE STATE IN WHOSE TERRITORY AN EXPLOSION IS TO TAKE PLACE.

IN THE CASES OF EXPLOSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, THE STATE IN WHOSE TERRITORY THE EXPLOSION IS CARRIED OUT IS IDENTICAL WITH THE PARTY CARRYING OUT AN EXPLOSION.

IN THE CASE OF AN EXPLOSION CARRIED OUT IN THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE, AT ITS REQUEST, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THAT STATE SHOULD BE GRANTED THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE ALL EQUIPMENT OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL EXCEPT EQUIPMENT FOR MEASURING YIELD.

WE WILL HAND TO YOU OUR PROPOSED TEXT ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE NEXT MEETING. END TEXT.
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